DARPA Plan for Implementation of Executive Order 13329: Encouraging Innovation in Manufacturing – SBIR/STTR July 2006

Background:

The requirements of Executive Order 13329 are now statutory, as section 252 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006. This effort is intended to help ensure that Federal agencies properly and effectively assist the private sector in its manufacturing innovation through small businesses.

DARPA Mission

DARPA's mission is to maintain the technological superiority of the U.S. military and prevent technological surprise from harming our national security by sponsoring revolutionary, high-payoff research that bridges the gap between fundamental discoveries and their military use.

DARPA Strategic Plan

DARPA's Information Exploitation Office, Tactical Technology Office and Strategic Technology Office focus on technology development programs leading to products for specific military operations. All DARPA Offices develop technology transition plans that translate concepts for new capabilities through prototyping and military evaluation.

DARPA's Implementation Focus

The DARPA SBIR/STTR Program Office developed four initiatives to implement the Innovation in Manufacturing program.

(1) Outreach: Raise awareness of Section 252 in the Small Business Community

Target Dates and Milestones:

Jun 2004 and Forward Continue to provide emphasis on Manufacturing during DARPA SBIR/STTR briefings and workshops.

Sep 2006 Develop and present a manufacturing session for the SBIR/STTR Rural Outreach trip to Montana, Wyoming and Colorado.

Attachment 2

Nov 2006 Present Innovation in Manufacturing information in the

DARPA SBIR presentation at the national meeting in

Wisconsin.

(2) Emphasize Section 252 in SBIR/STTR Topic Generation and Award Selections

Target Dates/Milestones

Sep 2006 Emphasize manufacturing innovation in the internal

DARPA request for STTR Topics

Dec 2006 Emphasize manufacturing innovation in the internal

DARPA request for SBIR Topics

Phase I & II Selection When appropriate, the DARPA source selection authorities may use manufacturing-related projects as a tie-breaker

in the award selection process.

(3) Manufacturing Innovation Goals for FY 2007

Target Dates/Milestones

Oct 2006 DARPA's projected goal for FY 2007 is an increase of

SBIR Topics to 4 out of approximately 25 topics.

DARPA's projected goal for FY 2007 is an increase of STTR Topics to 2 out of approximately 12 topics.

(4) Future Reporting (as part o the DoD data compilations)

Target Dates/Milestones

Dec 2006/Jan 2007 Submit to OSD, as part of the Annual SBIR/STTR Report,

all Phase I, Phase II and Phase III awards related to

manufacturing. The report shall contain:

Total number of DARPA's current manufacturing-related SBIR/STTR awards separated into Phase I,

Phase II and Phase III.

Total dollar value of DARPA's current manufacturing-related SBIR/STTR awards separated into Phase I,

Phase II and Phase III.

Copies of published DARPA success stories that illustrate the impact of manufacturing SBIR/STTR topics.